

## **Geary County Receives Disaster Designation**

*State, City Eligible for Assistance*

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that Geary County has qualified for a Presidential disaster declaration due to the severe storms that occurred in the area on June 12, 2004. The declaration qualifies state and local municipalities to receive federal funds to repair or replace disaster-damaged public facilities.

"With nearly 10 inches of rain, the storms that ripped through Geary County caused a significant amount of damage," Moran said. "Fortunately, this declaration means that assistance is on the way for Kansans in the area."

In addition to the immediate assistance that will be provided to Geary County, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has also announced that Geary County is eligible to apply for the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The program provides assistance to state and local governments for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural or technological hazards.

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